(c) Total foreign exchange will depend not only on quantity to be imported but also on the prices that will prevail during the year 1992-93.

भोजन पकाने की गैस के वितरकों के लिए कमीशन में वृद्धि

2140. **डा० बापू कालदाते:** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अखिल भारतीय एल० पी० जी० डिस्ट्रीब्यूटर्स आरगेनाइजेशन ने अपने कमीशन में वृद्धि की मांग की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कमीशन की मौजूदा दरें क्या हैं और इस संगठन ने किस दर पर कमीशन की मांग की है;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इस दिशा में कोई निर्णय लिया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) प्रति 14.2 कि० ग्रा० के सिलिंडर के लिए कमीशन की वर्तमान दर 5.70 रुपये है। संघ ने विभिन्न घटकों पर आधारित उनकी कमीशन को तय करने के लिए एक स्थायी फार्मूले की मांग की है।

(ग) और (घ) तेल मूल्य पुनरीक्षा समिति की सिफारिशों सहित यह मामला सरकार के विचाराधीन है।

Agreement with British Gas Company

2141. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the British Gas Company has signed an agreement with the Indian Oil Corporation for a pipeline operation, maintenance and inspection review contract for IOC's existing pipelines;

(b) if so, what are the details of the agreement;

(c) whether it is also a fact that finance for this project is linked with the World Bank funded Kandla-Bhatinda pipeline project; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d) A contract for consultancy services for pipeline operation, maintenance and inspection was signed between British Gas and Indian Oil Corporation on 10.2.1992 for 30 months from the effective date. This project forms a component of Petroleum Transport Project financed by the World Bank. Kandla-Bhatinda pipeline is also one of the components of Petroleum Transport Project.

Setting up of Oil Refinery in Orissa

2142. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards recent press reports to the effect that some foreign oil companies are willing to participate in setting up of an oil refinery in Orissa in pursuance of the reported discussions on the subject; and

(b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Some private parties including both Indian as well as foreign companies have shown interest to participate in the setting up of a refinery in Eastern India. No final decision has been taken in this regard.

Tender for Bombay off Shore Project

2143. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was lower tender for the Rs. 500 crores project of the ONGC at Bombay off-shore; and

(b) if so, what were the consideration for awarding the project to higher bidder?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No tender for a project costing about Rs. 500 crores has been awarded to a higher bidder in the Bombay offshore region recently.

(b) Does not arise.